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Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Room 700 Washington, DC 20006



Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 577X), CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – in Wayne County, IN

Dear Secretary Williams:

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The Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Richmond, IN ("Richmond") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 1.31 miles of railroad between milepost CI-61.90 and milepost CI-63.21 in Richmond, Wayne County, IN, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on June 20, 2006. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Richmond, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Richmond. CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to June 12, 2007 to negotiate trail use with the County. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to August 11, 2007.

Enclosed please find the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350.00. Please time and date stamp a copy of this letter and return it with the enclosed self-addressed and stamped letter.

Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Armbrust

cc: Parties of Record